

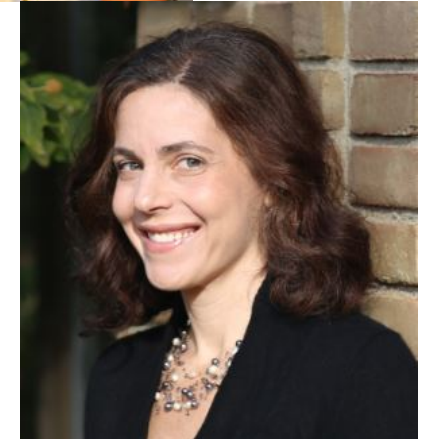
2019 Community Engagement Conference

Partnering for a Resilient and Sustainable Future



Enhancing Opportunities for Graduate and Professional Students to Engage in Community Outreach and Service

- **Presenters: Elizabeth Fitzgerald** – associate professor of clinical nursing and co-program director, Columbus-Athens Schweitzer Fellows Program, Ohio State College of Nursing
- **Maria Gallo** – associate professor, Ohio State College of Public Health



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Engaging Graduate and Professional Students in Service Learning



THE ALBERT
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*Addressing Health Disparities
by Developing Leaders in Service*

OSU 2019 Community Engagement Conference
Ignite Session
January 23-24, 2019

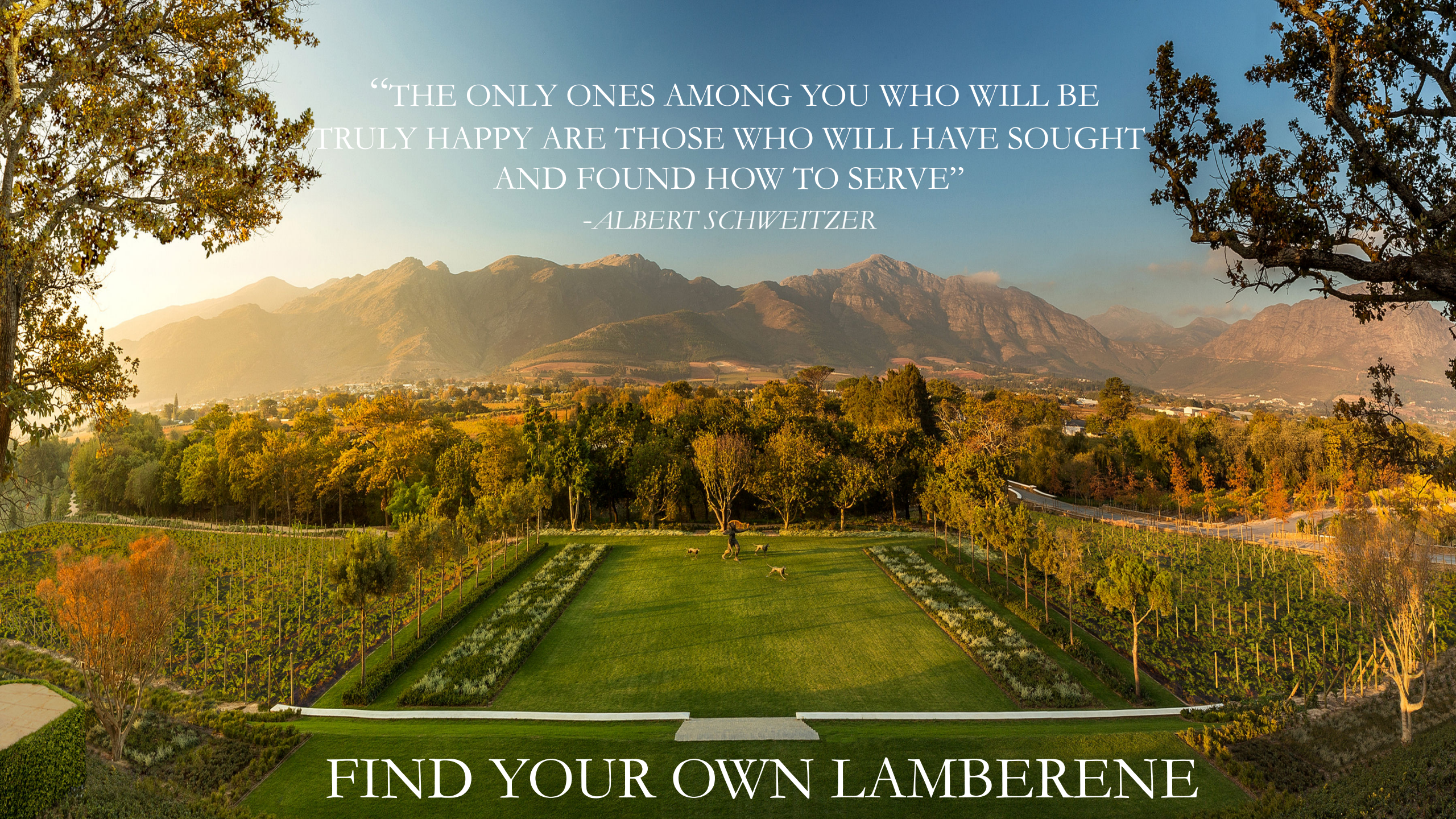
PHYSICIAN
WRITER
ORGANIST
THEOLOGIAN
PHILOSOPHER
HUMANITARIAN



Lambaréné

~200 miles (14 days by raft)

upstream from the mouth of
the Ogooué at Port Gentil



“THE ONLY ONES AMONG YOU WHO WILL BE
TRULY HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO WILL HAVE SOUGHT
AND FOUND HOW TO SERVE”

-ALBERT SCHWEITZER

FIND YOUR OWN LAMBERENE

Nonprofit Organization

14 Local Chapters

Columbus-Athens Chapter Co-Directors

Elizabeth Fitzgerald

The Ohio State University
College of Nursing



Maria Gallo

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Meets with the Co-Directors to provide advice and guidance for recruitment and selection of fellows, program activities, and fundraising ideas.

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GOALS

To provide skilled and compassionate **direct services** that address important unmet needs of local underserved individuals and communities;

To develop a pipeline of emerging professionals with the capacity to effect change in the social and health care systems that will reduce and ultimately **eliminate disparities impacting people's health and lives.**

“Working with underserved student populations in an after school program to rehearse solutions to problems they experience is a humanitarian act. As Fellows we are committed to use our professional background in education to sustain our project as a staple for the community and schools that we serve.”
– Nestor Avila, MA, Brendan Downing, M.Ed

Current Fellows Nestor Avila and Brendan Downing
Ohio University – Patton College of Education
Community Site: Athens Middle School

Through the use of critical, participatory theatre this project engages young adolescent (YA) populations in naming and confronting oppression they face. Theatre of the Oppressed, often called “rehearsal for the real world,” helps students develop their own proactive, effective, and appropriate solutions for naming and overcoming oppression in their individual and academic lives. The project aims to educate and guide the work of counselors and educators in a methodology of empowerment that can be used with YA students in the local community to change their reality!



Brendan and Nestor presenting on Theatre of The Oppressed (a theoretical component that guides our project) at the national Association of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues in Counseling (ALGBTIC) conference in August.



Current Fellow Vanessa Short

The Ohio State University

College of Dentistry

Community Site: Amethyst, Inc.

Short is addressing the unmet oral health care needs among women and their children in a recovery program in Columbus, Ohio by providing oral health education seminars for both the women and their children. The program plans to promote proper oral hygiene as well as educate the participants on how substance abuse and dietary choices can affect the oral cavity. Children will have the opportunity to receive a dental screening and fluoride treatments. The participants without a dental home will be provided with referrals to a dentist. Ultimately, the program will aim to educate women and their children on oral health.

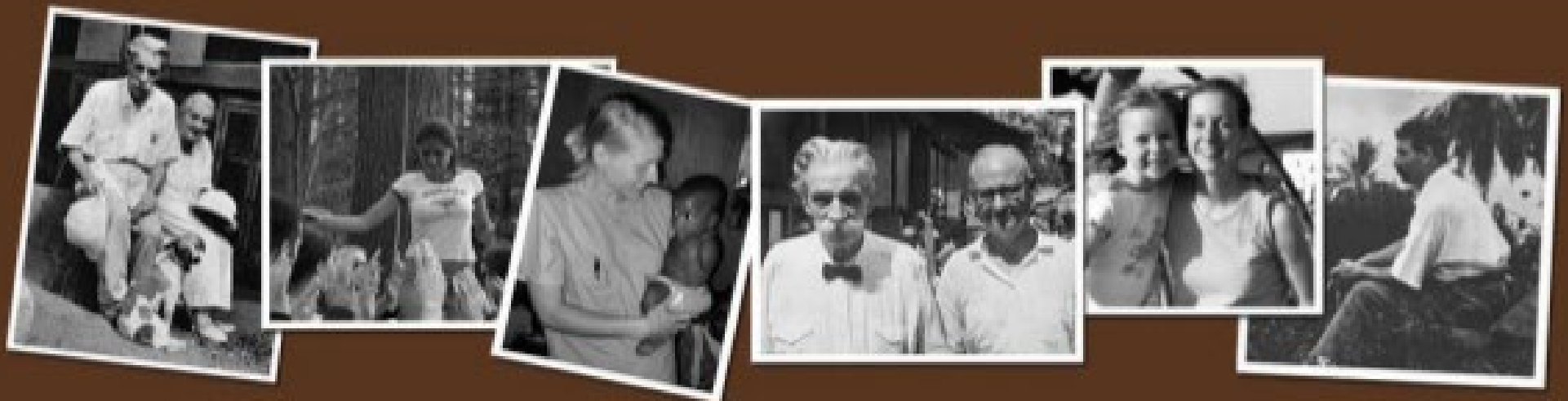
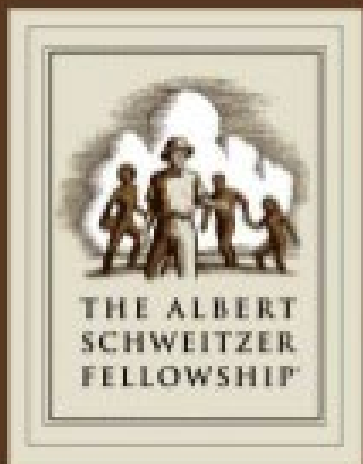
“It is not enough that we acknowledge these disparities, but that we come up with ways to help address them within our own community.”

—**Jessica Horan,**
*Ohio State student
and Schweitzer Fellow*



WHAT WILL THE 2019-2020 FELLOWS DO?

- 200 hours of total service
- 100 hours of direct service
- Orientation & regular meetings
- End-of-year Celebration of Service
- Receive \$3,000 stipend for project



AIM FOR **A** FEASIBLE PROJECT

AD**D**RESS A COMMUNITY NEED

RE**V**IEW PAST PROJECTS

TH**I**NK BROADLY ABOUT HEALTH

BE **C**REATIVE

ME**E**T WITH A COMMUNITY PARTNER



2017-2018 Fellows:
Lauren Sabo and
Dan Crawford



Dan and Lauren established a respite camp for children with special needs and their families. The goal was not only to allow these kids to experience life as a Buckeye, but also to provide parents with access to much needed resources for the whole family.



ELIGIBILITY

- Be enrolled in 2019-2020 in a graduate or professional degree-granting program from any accredited academic institution in the Columbus-Athens area
- Propose a community service project to provide direct service to an underserved population
 - a. Project should address a need of a **local** community related to health or social determinants of health
 - b. Research, fundraising/administrative, and policy-based projects are not eligible
- Identify a local community agency partner and a faculty mentor
- Agree to attend orientation in April 2019, regular meetings, and the Celebration of Service in May 2020

FELLOWS FOR LIFE

Network of more than 3,000:

Physicians

Nurses

Pharmacists

Social Workers

Occupational Therapists

Public Health Specialists

“Being a fellow is not just a 12-month, one-service project deal; it is a lifelong commitment and mission. It has reminded me that school is not all about scholarships, credentials and grades, but about being **AGENTS OF CHANGE.**”

TESSA YODER

FELLOW FOR LIFE 2011-2012



APPLY TO BECOME A FELLOW

Applications should be sent directly to the Columbus-Athens ASF Program at :

Columbus-AthensASF@osu.edu

Applications due **Friday, February 15, 2019 at 5:00 PM**

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Are you interested in serving as a Community Site for an ASF Fellow or becoming more involved?

Please contact the Co-Directors Drs. Maria Gallo and Lizzie Fitzgerald at Columbus-AthensASF@osu.edu

Please visit our website for application
information and additional important dates

<https://engage.osu.edu/for-students/albert-schweitzer-fellows-program.html>

Serving Your Greater Good

“I may never meet you or know what you do for a living, but I know this about you; unless you choose a life of service, you will never be happy.”

- Dr. Albert Schweitzer

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